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Minutes of a Meeting of Workington Town Council Culture Committee on Monday 17 November 2014 at 6pm in the Town Hall, Workington.

J Wright chair	Present
N Schofield vice chair	Present
C Armstrong	Present
P Bales	Present
K Hansen	Absent
H Harrington	Present
M Heaslip	Apologies
G Humes	Apologies
M Jones	Present
M Rollo	Present

In attendance: Town Clerk and Events Officer

C14.45 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs M Heaslip and K Hansen (for possible late arrival and G Humes.

C14.46 Declarations of Interest

There were no further declarations.

C14.47 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

There were no issues from which the press and the public should be excluded.

C14.48 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The committee received the minutes of the meeting on 20 October 2014 and affirmed them as a true record.

C14.49 Grants and Funding

On a general note, the committee were unhappy with the prevalence of funding applications which did not use the correct forms, or were short of the required information. They requested that in future all funding applications should appear on the standardised forms and not progress to committee if they were short of the required supporting documentation.

Resolved: To implement this policy for Culture grants and to suggest that it is adopted council wide.

C14.50 Grants and Funding

The committee considered funding proposals for the following:

Community Service Grants

a) Workington Raiders FC

£300

To provide training equipment for a new under 9s football team in Moorclose.

It was queried why another new team was being established in an area which the council funded a new team in the last 12 months. The committee had a number of questions which could not be answered by the application alone.

Resolved: To defer consideration of the grant pending a presentation by the applicant and the opportunity to see what safeguarding measure would be in place etc.

b) Workington Transport Heritage Trust

£100

To help provide a free bus service into Workington on Boxing Day

The committee noted that the service had been a success in the past and was worth supporting

Resolved: To make a grant of £100.

c) Carnegie Singers

£300

To assist in the staging of a Proms style concert in 2015 to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the end of World War Two.

It was noted that the council had supported the applicant in previous years, and that the applicant had fulfilled their commitments to perform at the Christmas Festival.

Resolved: To make a grant of £300, subject to the performance of an extract under the Hub or some other venue for free.

d) Rotary Club of Workington

Upto £300

To support the 'Rotary Technology Tournament' on 6 March 2015.

It was noted that the applicant did not use a form. It was suggested this was crucial in allowing a level playing field for applicants.

Resolved: To defer consideration, for the applicant to submit a form.

e) Workington Zebra Finches RUFC

£300

The committee were unable to identify what it was that required the funding.

Resolved: To defer consideration pending receipt of further information.

Young People and Sport

f) Workington Zebras RUFC

£600

To buy polo shirts for the Youth team

Resolved: To confirm a grant of £600, however no further grant would be considered until 2017.

g) 4th Workington St Michaels Cub Pack

£650

To replace an Icelandic Tent

Resolved: To grant £650.

C14.51 Twinning 20th Anniversary Festival

The Committee received a letter from the Twinning Association, thanking them for their support of the 20th Anniversary Festival.

Resolved: To note the letter

C14.52 Twinning Association

The chair of the Twinning Association reported that over 40, including the Mayor and several councillors had made the trip to Selm in October. She then presented the chair of the committee with a photograph album of their activities. It was thought this could be presented to Full Council in December as a memento of the Selm connection.

Some costs from the festival were as yet unresolved, but the final accounts would be available to the next meeting.

Resolved: To note the report.

C14.53. Christmas Lights 2014 and Winter Festival

The Events Officer reported that no radical changes had been made to the festival since the presentation at the last meeting. Over 100 children were booked into lantern workshops and the open session on Saturday 22 November would net several more.

Resolved: To note the report.

C14.54 Remembrance

The committee considered feedback on the Remembrance Day ceremonies. The chair reported that the turnout on Remembrance Day had been very good and the subtle changes to the programme for the day had been well received. The planting of snowdrops around the cenotaph on 11 November had been a great success with good feedback from the schools.

It was noted that the Town Council wreath did not bear the town crest. This should be arranged in future with the Poppy Fund.

Resolved: To include the crest on the Town Council's poppy wreaths.

Resolved: To note the report.

C14.55 Memorial to Private James Smith VC

The committee received a report from the clerk on the plans for the siting of the memorial slab to James Smith VC. The slab would be mounted outside the station and plans were in hand to mark its unveiling on 21 December with the Lord Lieutenant's office, the Mayor and others. The slab itself would then be on display in the library, whilst the county council carried out extensive renovation work to the station foyer and car park, after which it would be positioned permanently outside the station.

Resolved: To note the report.

C14.56 Heritage Institutions

The committee received an update from the chair on the progress made with developing a proposal for the Heritage budget. She had attended a meeting with staff at the Helena Thompson Museum and seen the backlog of cataloguing the museum is facing. The museum has 17 volunteers supporting the very small paid staff. Volunteers account for over 4,000 hours work per year. The money from the town council would be used to ensure the museum can unlock other funders. The museum business plan was in place to support the running of the museum through other revenue streams. It was suggested that Town Council representatives meet with the museum at regular intervals and that the council explores the possibility of staging special exhibitions.

Resolved: To agree a three year funding arrangement, to the value of £7,500 per year, beginning in this financial year. This would include conditions about meeting with museum staff on a regular basis as a condition of funding.

C14.57 Remaining Heritage budget

The Committee then considered how the remaining £2,500 of the budget would be best spent. It was noted that there were a number of heritage items in the Town Hall that required urgent attention, for example the portraits of former mayors, particularly William Leitch, who was showing signs of damp damage.

Resolved: To apply the remaining funding this year to restoring the council's own collection for public display.

Cllr Heaslip joined the meeting at 7pm

C14.58. Culture Budget 2015-16

The committee considered their budget recommendations for 2015-16. The proposed expenditure was as follows:

Activity	2014-15	2015-16
A significant festival	10,000	15,000
A schools festival	2,000	2,000
Youth engagement with Sport	9,600	10,000
Heritage Institutions	10,000	12,000
Town Band and other music	1,200	1,200
Christmas Lights	40,000	41,000
Christmas Festival	6000	10,000
Promoting Workington	500	10,000
Town centre music	4,500	4,500
Remembrance and commemoration	2,000	1,000
Twinning Development	5,000	5,000
Total	90,800	111,700

Cllr Bales left the meeting at 7.30pm.

It was suggested the heritage budget might be used to fund archaeological research. It was noted that the council was supportive of proposals to make a memorial to the mining communities of the town. It was also noted that the 'Saints and Sinners' Tourist Trail would include a section through Workington and this could be used in the town's promotion.

Resolved: To submit the above budget to the next stage in the process.

The meeting closed at 7.38pm

The meeting closed at 19.35.